

REMARKS

Claims 2, 7 and 19 have been amended. Claims 1, 3-6, 8, 15-18, 20 and 21 have been cancelled. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the original claims and other claims in this application and other applications. Claims 2, 7, 9-14, 19, 22 and 23 are pending in this application.

Claims 2-5, 9, 14 and 15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Arnold et al. (U.S. Patent No. 2,015,507) in view of Schmaling (U.S. Patent No. 5,006,194). Claims 10-13, 16, 17, 19, 20 and 23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Arnold et al. in view of Schmaling and further in view of O'Dea et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,007,371). Claims 6, 7, 21 and 22 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 2 has been amended to include the limitations of former claim 6 and the intervening claims. As noted by the Office Action, claim 2 as amended should now be allowable over the prior art of record. Claims 7 and 9-14, dependent upon claim 2, are allowable along with claim 2 and on their own merits.

Claim 19 has been amended to include the limitations of former claim 21 and the intervening claims. As noted by the Office Action, claim 19 as amended should now be allowable over the prior art of record. Claims 22 and 23, dependent upon claim 19, are allowable along with claim 19 and on their own merits.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the claims of this case are in a condition for allowance and favorable action thereon is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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